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DATE OF CONTENT 24 March to 16 April 1953

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REFERENCES 25X1A

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1. Between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. on 15 April 1953, about 42 T-34/85 tanks, [] 25X1B
 and about 300 troops were entrained in Cottbus leaving toward Weiswasser. On 15 April, about 25 T-34/85 tanks, and an undetermined number of trucks, including 3 towing 76-mm field guns [] 25X1B
 25X1X left the Dissenchen Kaserne in Cottbus toward Muskau. At about 4 a.m. on 17 April, the bulk of the units stationed in the Alversleben Kaserne left the installation by road. After their departure, the installation was occupied by a rear detail of about 60 troops. [] 25X1
 25X1B At about 11 a.m. on 16 April, about 15 SP guns, which source believed were JSU-152 guns, [] 25X1
 25X1B and an undetermined number of troops on 4 boxcars were seen passing through Cottbus toward Weiswasser. [] 25X1X
 2. Beginning 7 April, tank units were entrained in Rosslau. Source expressed the belief that they went toward Haldensleben.² From 8 to 10 April, engineer units arrived at the water training site east of Rosslau. About 600 to 800 troops and 80 tents were observed.³ 25X1B
 3. On 15 April, a large number of sedans and trucks, [] 25X1B
 and 9 tanks, which had come from Camp Gross Kuehnau, were entrained at the Dessau railroad station. A total of five shipments, including one of billeting equipment, were observed. On 8 April, 9 x 180 to 210-mm guns and an undetermined number of prime movers, trucks, field kitchens and troops with baggage were entrained at the Dessau railroad station. [] Three shipments were observed.² [] 25X1X 25X1X
 4. At about 4 p.m. on 12 April, a column of about 25 trucks, about 14 AA guns, which source believed were 76-mm guns; 1 jeep, 1 field kitchen, and about 100 troops were seen passing through Beelitz, proceeding toward Jueterbog.
 5. On 31 March, the east section of the barracks installation north of Leninstrasse was occupied by 1,200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, and the west section was occupied by 1,000 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. On 31 March, 15 trucks and 4 x 25-mm AA guns were entrained at the station.⁴

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1. [] Comment. Although, according to information by other sources, Camp Nockten was turned over to the KVP in late March and elements of the 9th Mecz Div, on 17 April, were, for the first time, observed in the Lieberose training area, this information indicates that major tank elements of the 9th Mecz Div again went to Weisswasser.

Tanks of the 80th Gds Hv Tank SP

Regt of the 9th Mecz Div from Spremberg, which arrived at the Weisswasser railroad station on 13 April, also left toward Camp Nockten. []

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2. [] Comment. On 14 April, 5 shipments of the 7th Gds Tank Div arrived at Letzling Heath. []

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3. [] Comment. On 30 March, 40 pontoons of the 36th Pon Bridge Regt, which had been in this training area also during the preceding years, were entrained in Magdeburg. []

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4. [] Comment. No changes in the occupation of Chemnitz are discernible. [] Elements of the 6th Gds AAA Div (US) were at Koenigsbrueck for firing practice in late March.

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